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# AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 9, 2003

To the Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant submits this response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2003. Applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner. The Applicant submits that the claims as now amended are definite under 35 U.S.C. §112.